GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1055
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Development of Airstrips
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airstrips in Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Raxaul and Purnia are non-operational;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to develop these airstrips into airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which they are likely to be developed into airports?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b & (c) :The airstrips in Muzaffarpur and Raxaul belong to Airports Authority of India (AAI) and those in Bhagalpur and Purnia belong to
the State Govt. AAI has prepared Master Plans for development of Muzaffarpur and Raxaul airstrips for which the State Govt. of Bihar has been requested to acquire and hand over the requisite land measuring 475 acres and 121 acres respectively. Timelines for development of airstrips/airports depend upon various factors such as availability of land free from all encumbrances, grant of mandatory regulatory clearances, commercial viability, technical feasibility, etc.

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